

# ***Gloucester County Public Schools***



***SCHOOL BOARD'S FINAL APPROVED  
FY 2013-2014 BUDGET***



## Gloucester County Public Schools FY 2014 Approved School Budget

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Dear Residents of Gloucester County:

Please find enclosed the FY 2014 school budget as formally adopted by the Gloucester County School Board on May 14, 2013. The budget is summarized as follows:

FY' 14 Operating Fund	52,166,525	FY' 14 Central Food Services Fund	2,392,135
FY' 14 CIP Fund	7,901,820	FY' 14 Debt Service Fund	2,486,554
FY' 14 Construction Funds	25,636,428		

The FY 2014 budget process continued to be hindered due to the sluggish recovery of our nation's economy. The final operating fund state revenue is in accordance with the General Assembly's adopted amendments and reflects a 1.5% decrease in state revenue, or approximately \$394 thousand. The Education Jobs Fund Program, the final stimulus award, expired on September 30, 2012 creating the loss of just under \$250 thousand in federal revenue. In total, the operating fund decreased .6%, or just under \$340 thousand.

Local funding for the operating fund increased 1.2%, or \$261,839. The Budget includes a 2% cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all employees. The state is expected to fund its share of eleven months of the 2% increase for SOQ funded instructional and support positions. The starting teacher salary will remain \$39,108. The approved scale preserves the recognition of years of teaching experience. During the year, a net total of 5.37 positions were funded in addition to the budget to mitigate high pupil teacher ratios and to provide needed services to our student population. A total of 9.57 positions among current staff were absorbed during the budget process.

As we enter into FY 2014, we will continue to closely scrutinize positions vacated during the year and vacancies attributed to retirements and resignations. Pupil teacher ratios will be monitored to ensure an appropriate balance. We continue to review and restructure staff responsibilities to enhance student performance and increase efficiency in operations. Expenditures for operations were scrutinized and reduced accordingly.

The CIP appropriation will allow for the purchase of three school buses, the refurbishment of the high school track and Voice over IP phones for several of our schools. Work is underway at the Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center in anticipation of the relocation of central operations to the facility by December, 2013. We anticipate beginning the construction of a new Page Middle School on T. C. Walker Road in late summer with completion for the 2015 school opening.

The Gloucester County School Board will continue to focus on providing quality educational opportunities for all students of Gloucester County Public Schools. Thank you for your support of public education.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure



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# INTRODUCTION





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### Introduction

Gloucester County is located north of York County on the Middle Peninsula of Virginia, and is best described as a bedroom community of the Hampton Roads area, with a population of approximately 36,987 people. The projected K-12 school enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year is 5,400, with approximately 16% being minority and approximately 10.6% being identified as having special needs. The county is surrounded by the York River on the south and west, with the Chesapeake Bay on the east. It is said that at any point in Gloucester County, you are never more than six miles from the water. Given its geographical location, Gloucester County has a rich heritage of life on the water.

Gloucester operates under a county government, with seven members of the Board of Supervisors overseeing local operations and setting the annual budgets. The School Board is also comprised of seven elected members. Both boards are comprised of members from five electoral districts, and two who serve at-large. Elections are held in November and members officially take office on January 1. Terms of office are four years, and districts are staggered so that all seven members of either board are never elected during the same year.

### **Mission Statement**

*The Gloucester County Public Schools will provide a safe environment in which all students have the right to learn. Through the process of continuous improvement in achievement, Gloucester County Public Schools will assist and expect students to acquire knowledge and skills to become literate, contributing citizens in a democracy.*

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Goals

- To provide safe, clean and appropriate learning environments.
- To maintain partnerships with schools, families, and the community in order to deliver an appropriate educational program for each student.
- To develop students' critical-thinking, problem-solving, collaboration, communication, and technological skills.
- To prepare students to assume responsibility for stewardship of the natural environment.
- To prepare students for employment or further academic and technical education upon graduation.

Programs and Strategies

Consistent with the Standards of Accreditation, programs and strategies should address:

- School safety and security
- Facilities maintenance and expansion
- High expectations for student achievement and personnel performance
- Development and implementation of K-12 curriculum consistent with the Standards of Learning
- Integration of technology in all curricular areas and administrative processes
- Diverse needs of all learners, including at-risk, average, disabled, gifted and minority populations
- Opportunities for students to serve the community

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## Schools

The division is comprised of five elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school. Based on FY 2012 test scores, all schools are fully accredited under the Commonwealth of Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL).

